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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO MADRAS FROM BOMBAY FEB
05, 1976 REPEATED FOR YOU

QUOTE
BOMBAY 0305

E.O. 11652 N/A
TAGS: TGEN, PFOR, US, IN
SUBJ: ALLEGED RADIOACTIVITY FROM TARAPUR POWER STATION

REF: NEW DELHI 1778

I BELIEVE THAT SHORT ANSWER TO QUERY IN REFTEL IS AT LEAST IN
PART YES. FUEL ELEMENTS NOW BEING MADE AT NFC ARE SUBJECT TO SOME
LEADAGE. BUT PROBLEM MAY ALSO PERTAIN TO IMPORTED FUEL ELEMENTS
STILL BEING USED AT TARAPUR AS LOCAL GENERAL ELECTRIC REP TELLS
ME THAT HE BELIEVES SOME ELEMENTS SUPPLIED BY GE ARE STILL IN
USE AT TARAPUR AND BEING RECHARGED PERIODICALLY. SHAH CERTAINLY
MEANT TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT NFC TECHNOLOGY AS GOOD AS IS
AVAILABLE ANYWHERE AND THAT PROBLEMS DO NOT ARISE FROM ANY
CORRECTABLE DEFICIENCIES IN THEIR OPERATION. HE TRIED TO PUT
MAJOR PORTION OF BLAME FOR PROBLEM ON MOISTURE IN URANIUM
RECEIVED FROM ABROAD AND ON KNOWLEDGE GAPS IN USE OF FUEL
ELEMENTS, E.G. HIS STATEMENT THAT GE HAD CONCLUDED PRAGMATICALLY
IN 1973/74 THAT FUEL LEAKAGES WERE LESSENED SIMPLY BY MORE GRADUAL
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START UP OF POWER REACTORS. IN ESSENCE HE SEEMED TO BE SAYING

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THAT THEY WERE DOING AS WELL AS CURRENT WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGY
PERMITS BUT THERE ARE LEADAGE PROBLEMS WHICH, HOWEVER, ARE
MANAGEABLE AND DO NOT GIVE RISE TO INTOLERABLE SAFETY HAZARDS.
WILL PROBE FURTHER NEXT WEEK WHEN MY BEST CONTACT ON FUEL ELEMENT
PROBLEM RETURNS TO TOWN. SIGNED COURTNEY
UNQUOTE
SAXBE

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